

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the invention entitled "PCVD APPARATUS AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN OPTICAL FIBER, A PREFORM ROD AND A JACKET TUBE AS WELL AS THE OPTICAL FIBER MANUFACTURED THEREWITH," which is described and claimed in the specification and claims of C-I-P Application No. 09/839,028, which we filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 19, 2001, and for which a patent is sought; and that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier-filed Application No. 09/221,227, entitled "PCVD APPARATUS AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN OPTICAL FIBER, A PREFORM ROD AND A JACKET TUBE AS WELL AS THE OPTICAL FIBER MANUFACTURED THEREWITH," which we filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 23, 1998, claiming priority based on European Application No. 97204152.9, filed December 31, 1997.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein (if any).

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including material information which occurred between the filing date of said earlier-filed application and the filing date of the C-I-P application.

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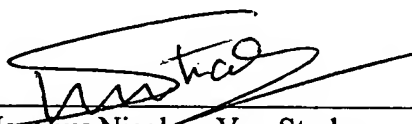
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We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



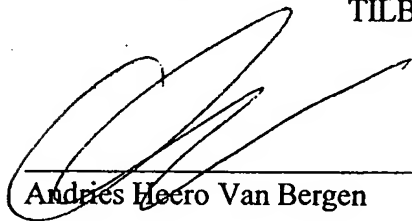
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